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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: HAWKINS, et al. Serial No.: 09/605,766 Filing Date: 28 JUNE 2000 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING BIOLOGICAL REACTIONS ON A SUBSTRATE SURFACE	Examiner: SIEW, JEFFREY Group Art Unit: 1637 <u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</u> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on DECEMBER 20, 2002 Signed  Maria Ciganovich
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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RESPONSE: ELECTION AND AMENDMENT RECEIVED

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Following is Applicants' response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 24 JUNE 2002. The response is accompanied by a petition for a five-month extension of time and requisite fee. Accordingly, a response is due 24 DECEMBER 2002, making this a timely response. In response to the outstanding restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1, 36-60, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to an apparatus with probe array, for further prosecution on the merits. The election is made without traverse. Accordingly, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 61-63 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claim 64:

64. (New) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said reaction volume further comprises a water-soluble compound that is a solid at room temperature and a liquid at a second, higher temperature.

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